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68. The method of claim 66 wherein said superabsorbent polymer is neutralized or cross-linked, and is based on acrylic acid, acrylamide, or an acrylate.

69. The method of claim 65 wherein said compound comprises a petroleum oil, an organic ester, or a glycol, and combinations thereof.

70. The method of claim 65 wherein said substrate comprises a cable.

71. The method of claim 65 wherein said substrate comprises a wire.

72. The method of claim 65 wherein said composition comprises a product made by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer with said compound, and said additive, when present.

73. The substrate of claim 57 wherein the particle size of the superabsorbent polymer comprises from about less than 0.5 microns to about 300 microns.

REMARKS

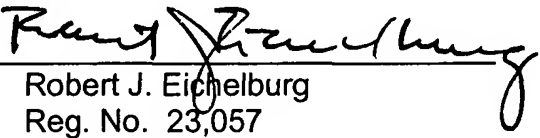
The present application substantially copies claims from WO 00/31752, claiming priority from Rebouillat et al. United States Patent provisional patent application

60/109,719 filed November 24, 1998, subsequently filed as United States Patent application 09/443,695 on November 19, 1999. Applicant points out that the great grandparent application Serial No. 08/487,436 on which the present application is based has a filing date of June 7, 1995 and that the present application is also based on Continuation-In-Part Application Serial No. 08/583,582 filed January 5, 1996. Both applications precede the Rebouillat et al. applications by more than one year. As of the filing of this application, applicant's attorneys have determined that the Rebouillat et al. application has not issued as a United States Patent.

Applicant's attorneys request the examination of the present application by the same Examiner in charge of the examination of Rebouillat et al. United States Patent application 09/443,695.

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